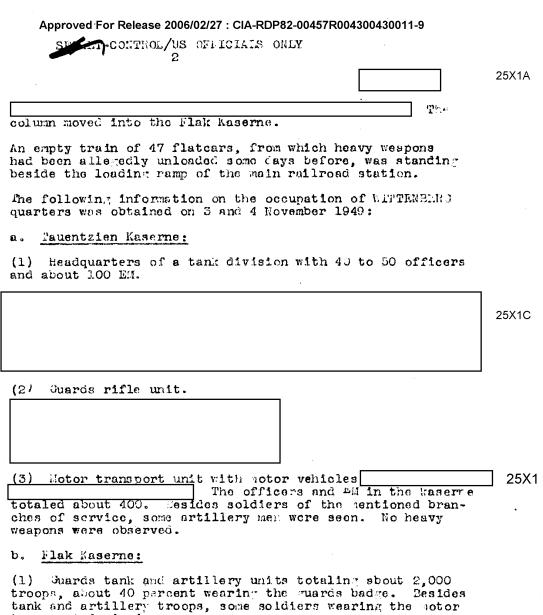
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| .1X *** | (N 52/E 3"), crossed the Elbe River bridge toward WITTENBERG (N 52/E 37) in the evening of 20 October 1949. |
| | b. The column consisted of |
| | Ten Shchuka tanks |
| | Fifty-one T34/43 tanks |
| X1 | Personnel carrier with mounted 13-mm machine gun, occupied by one of licer, ond driver, one gunner and three ammunition bearer. |
| | Nine T34/43 tanks |
| X1 | Personnel carrier with mounted heavy AA machine gun, occupied as the other personnel carrier |
| (1C | Passenger car occupied by a colonel and two other |
| | officers 25X1 |
| | Four trucks, each occupied by eight men, towing 76.2-mm AT guns, |
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| rocket launchers were seen at the kaserne area. However more heavy weapons were | 25X1 |
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| stationed in the kaserne. | |
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Beseler Kaserne:

(1) Guards tank regiment of about 1,000 troops. Resides tunk troops some artillery men were seen. "aintenance work was done on 22 T34/43 tanks, three Shehuka tanks and two heavy SP guns parked in the kaserne yard. Bogie wheels and tracks of most of the tanks were exchanged. The tanks had a rough, greenish coat of paint. Other tanks, mostly type T 34/43, were stored in the garages of the kaserne. Sixty tanks were estimated to be stationed in the kaserne.

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25X1C Passenger car and passenger car

occupied by a tank major, occupied by field officers, were

observed in front of a row of villas on Berlinerstrasse.

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Comment:

The motorized column with about 70 tanks, observed on 20 October 1949, was possibly connected with the river-crossing exercise at MUEHLANGER on 21 and 22 October 1949.

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- b. The information on the occupation of the LITTENBERG kasernes in early November 1949 indicates that component units of the 6th Gds Tank Liv (Cacre) were back in their winter quarters at that time.
- Since a high unit headquarters has been repatedly reported in the former rauentzien Kaserme, it is assumed with a high measure of certainty that the Hq 6th Gds Tank Fiv (Cadro) is stationed there. The kaserne may also be occupied by the (22d Fe?) motorized rifle regiment of the division.
- (2) the WITTENDER CATEARINE Flak Kasorna is presumably occupied by a signal unit (145th Ods Sir En?), a rocket unit (439th ods Rocket bn?) and an engineer unit (120th xs antr Bn?) of the 6th Cds ignk Tiv (Sacre) in addition to the reported tank and artillery units.
- (3) The information that a "quards tank regiment of about 1,000 troops" is quartered in the former bescler "asome confirms the Slat Tos Pank Rogt (Cacre).

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